PREMIER IS MADE VICTIM OF RUSE

Naval Accord Intriguers Reported Centering Attack on MacDonald.

BY FREDERIC WILLIAM WILE.

Propaganda originating in The Hague, Geneva and Paris, which is now circulating in Washington and designed to wreck the Anglo-American naval negotiations, has just been brought to the attention of high administration officials. It directly concerns Ramsay MacDonald, the British prime minister, and its specific purpose is to weaken the effect of his conversations with President Hoover and Ambassador Dawes. The ruse invented to this end is a circumstantial story that Mr. MacDonald's days as premier are already numbered and that he is on the threshold of being ousted by a member of his own cabinet, who is none other than Philip Snowden, chancellor of the exchequer.

Difficult to Disbelieve.

The report has been dinned into the ears of at least one of the Hoover cabinet members directly concerned with naval negotiations and was set forth with such persistence and detail that he found it difficult to disbelieve it. One person in Washington to whom the MacDonald-Snowden story came cabled to a high authority in London and received this reply: "Report absolutely unfounded. It seems part and parcel of unscrupulous campaign now afoot in The Hague, Geneva and Paris to hamper MacDonald's negotiations with Hoover."

Washington authorities in position to analyze the true inwardness of this ingenious intrigue—as it is considered to be—point out that the transparent purpose is to show that any arrangements MacDonald might discuss or enter into with President Hoover would be futile because he is not to remain prime minister very long. The bringing in of Snowden's name as MacDonald's imminent successor has two angles designed to clothe the propaganda with plausibility. The first is the peppery chancellor of the exchequer's newly won popularity in Great Britain following his recent victory in The Hague reparations conference and the corresponding dimming of MacDonald's glory. The second angle is Snowden's supposed readiness to annul agreements with the United States Government.

Snowden's Startling Speech.

It will be remembered that during last Spring's general election campaign in Great Britain, Snowden startled the country with a speech suggesting the Labor Party's opposition to the Baldwin-Mellon debt settlement and Labor's intention to abrogate it. Such a program later was disavowed by Mr. MacDonald. In connection with the MacDonald negotiations for naval parity with the United States, the impression sought to be created by the prophecy of a Snowden premiership is that under it any Anglo-American arrangement might easily turn out to be a scrap of paper.

Ramsay MacDonald and Philip Snowden, while both Socialists and Laborites, have long ranked as political rivals, much as in this country Republican leaders or Democratic leaders are frequently rivals within the party ranks. That MacDonald thinks highly of Snowden and trusts him implicitly was evidenced only recently, when the Prime Minister appointed the Chancellor of the Exchequer acting premier during MacDonald's absence at Geneva for this month's League of Nations Assembly.

It is likely that the only importance which will be attached to the whole story in Washington is that it bears on its face evidence of being the latest—though perhaps not the last—attempt of ill-wishers to throw barriers across the path which Messrs. Hoover and MacDonald are trying to travel.

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NAVAL OBSERVERS WERE WARNED OF SHEARER IN GENEVA

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amount of time he spent in their company that he was not discouraged."

PRESIDENT READY TO AID.

Hoover Wants None Spared in Probing Propaganda Activities.

President Hoover not only wants the Senate to go to the very bottom in its inquiry into the big navy propagandists but he stands ready personally to help the committee in its investigation, it was disclosed today with the announcement that the probe would be conducted by a subcommittee of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee.

Senator Shortridge of California will be chairman of the subcommittee, and the other members are Senator Allen of Kansas, Republican, and Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the Democratic leader of the Senate.

The Senate Naval Affairs Committee, at a meeting held today, authorized Senator Hale of Maine, its chairman, to appoint a subcimmittee of 3 or 5 to conduct the inquiry.

The subcommittee, its is expected, will begin its investigations immediately. It will determine what witnesses it will summon, and subpoenas will be issued for them. The inquiry is likely to take some time, and may call for a large number of witnesses.

Hoover Wants None Spared.

Although the President, even in his public denunciation of these propagandists, has mentioned no names, he has given every indication that he wants no one spared in the Senate committee's attempt to get at the truth of the matter.

Moreover, the President is determined to expose the extremes to which big Navy advocates went in working against the purpose of this Government in its effort to bring about further naval disarmament. He wants the public to know just what was done as interference at the Geneva naval conference two years ago, and who was responsible for it.

William B. Shearer is suing three large shipbuilding corporations for what he alleges is pay due him for his work in contributing to the failure of the 1927 Geneva conference. However, the President, in his public arraignment of the big Navy propagandists, did not mention Mr. Shearer by name or the shipbuilding companies being sued by him. But the President has made it plain that he is not going to tolerate any such interference in the negotiations he is at present conducting looking to an Anglo-American agreement on naval parity and further naval disarmament.

Therefore, Mr. Hoover is going to watch closely the probe to be conducted by the Senate. He is going to see to it that the investigating committee is well supplied with ammunition in the form of facts and records, when the time comes to question those who will be summoned to testify.

Hoover Has Had Own Probe.

President Hoover has been carrying on a quiet little investigation of his own, and in a short time he will be in a position to supply the Senate committee with all that he has unearthed. There is reason to feel that what the President is collecting will be of great value to the committee. Besides his own inquiries, the President is receiving detailed reports from the heads of the State, War and Navy Departments and other governmental agencies whose activities have brought them in some contact with propagandists.

It is known that the Navy Department's report to the President includes among other things, the records of the Navy Intelligence Bureau relating to activities of certain individuals and organizations who have been engaging in propaganda. These Navy intelligence records go much further than the mere question of indulgence in big Navy propaganda. The personal records of these individuals and groups covering a long period in advance of the 1927 Geneva conference are included.

The President, for the time being, is having nothing to say publicly on this subject. He has declined to make any comment upon the allegations of Mr. Shearer, the admitted Navy propagandist, that four admirals of the Navy were interested in his "patriotic work."

The President will not presume to interfere with the Senate committee's investigation, but those who are close to him feel certain that he will keep in close touch with certain members of that committee, and will impart to them what ideas or suggestions he may have to give.

Jones Denies Reports.

Rear Admiral Hilary P. Jones, naval observer with the American delegation at the 1927 Geneva conference on naval limitation, today denied reports that he influenced President Hoover to launch an investigation of activities of Shearer at that conference.

"There is nothing to that," Admiral Jones declared. "I was out of town when the President made his announcement regarding Shearer, and I had had no communication with the President on the subject before that."

Admiral Jones also repudiated emphatically reports quoting him as having said he had "spoken once" with the self-styled naval expert.

"I never met Shearer in my life, so far as I know, and I never spoke to him on any occasion," the admiral

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stated. "I think I saw him just once. It was while I was in my office at Geneva. A man, a stranger to me, opened the door of my office, but withdrew when he saw me sitting there. I inquired of others who had seen the man start to enter, and was told it was Shearer. That is the only time I can recall of ever seeing him."

Shortridge Comments.

Following his appointment as chairman of the investigating committee Senator Shortridge said:

"We propose to go to the bottom of this matter. The subcommittee will carry on the investigation as promptly and as rapidly as possible. We will meet this afternoon to determine what witnesses shall be called and when the first hearing shall be held."

Senator Shortridge said he believed it would be possible to have the first hearing on Monday. He pointed out that a certain amount of time would be necessary to get the witnesses here. Among those from whom he said would be subpoenaes would be issued was William B. Shearer, the alleged lobbyist for the shipbuilding concerns, officials of shipbuilding companies, the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Co., the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., and the American Brown-Boveri Corporation. He said also that in due course some of the high naval officers whose names have been used in connection with the matter would be heard by the committee.

Directed Particularly at Shearer.

The inquiry ordered by the Senate is directed particularly at the alleged activities of Shearer at the Geneva and preparatory conferences on naval limitation.

Senator Shortridge said that the subcommittee would seek to develop any facts which bore on the employment of Shearer at these conferences, whether they had to do with occurrences at Geneva, in this country or elsewhere.

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YOUNGSTERS ENJOY PLAYGROUND PAGEANT

Miss Virginia K. Frye, director of the Mitchell Park Playground, Twenty-Third and S streets, is shown above presenting prizes to youthful winners. Yesterday's program at the playground also included a costume and float parade, movies and refreshments. Front row (left to right): Miss Frye, Marguerite Dove, prettiest; Emily Harden, cleverest; Jackie Kuhn, unique; Roberta Scheid, most original; Annie Thompson and Mary McLane. Back row: Elizabeth Shepherd, Evelyn Markwood, Edward Dove, Barbara Harden and Edith Markwood, honorable mention.

The lower photo shows Patricia and Edgar Prochnik, children of the Austrian Minister, with their entrants in the entertainment. —Star Staff Photos.

POLITICAL ANGLE SEEN IN KILLING

Murder of Chicago Precinct Captain Believed Reprisal for Death of Connors.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, September 12.—Gang murder, with a background of politics, confronted police today in the death of Charles S. Brown, 28-year-old precinct captain for Alderman Dorsey Crowe of the forty-second ward.

Brown, dying from four bullet wounds in the head, was pitched into the street from a curtained automobile as, with lights out, it purred through the "Foaming Fifties," South Side beer battleground, last night. His hands had been bound behind him with wire, and he had been robbed.

Police See Reprisal.

Police immediately sought to fit the crime into the jigsaw puzzle of the past month's slayings. They saw in Brown's death possible reprisal for the slaying September 1 of Henry Connors in a gunfight at the C. and O. Cabaret on North Clark street.

Connors was a precinct captain for Richard E. Prendergast, who unsuccessfully opposed Dorsey Crowe for forty-second ward alderman in the last election. The Crowe-Prendergast campaign was electric with action, being marked by sluggins, fist fights and shootings. Connors was active in promoting Prendergast's interests at that time, while Brown worked in the ranks of Alderman Crowe.

Ordered to Arrest Enemies.

John Stege, deputy commissioner of police, agreed with members of the homicide squad that Brown's death quite probably was in retaliation for the slaying of Connors. He sent squads into the forty-second ward with orders to arrest any known enemies of the slain man.

Four persons were found who heard the shots fired that killed Brown. They also told of seeing him tossed from the car. Police believe Brown was forced to lie face down on the floor of the sedan and that he was shot in that position.

In Brown's pocket was found a letter signed by Alderman Crowe notifying Brown of a meeting of precinct captains and telling him to arrange his affairs "so that nothing will interfere with your attending."

COMMITTEE TO PLAN PLAYGROUND SYSTEM

Progress in Development of Capital's Recreation Facilities to Be Studied.

Further progress in the development of Washington's recreational system will be dealt with tomorrow at a meeting of the special co-ordinating committee, formed to bring the various interested parties into a unified program. Planned purchases and plans for playgrounds, both for older and younger children, will be considered during the course of the discussions.

Maj. Layson E. Atkins, Assistant Engineer Commissioner of the District, is chairman of this committee. Various agencies of the District and Federal governments interested in this work are represented on the committee.

SAYS ENVY CAUSED ARABS TO ATTACK

Winston Churchill Talks of British Problems in Holy Land.

By the Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 12.—Great Britain's problem in the Holy Land and naval disarmament were among the subjects touched upon by the Right Hon. Winston Churchill, former chancellor of the British exchequer, today in his first interview with newspaper men since his recent arrival in San Francisco.

The British statesman chatted with reporters for nearly two hours, in a discussion of world affairs. His theme was hopefulness and tolerance. His belief is that the quandaries of the world, if given reasonable time, can be satisfactorily adjusted.

In Palestine, Mr. Churchill said, the Jew and Arab must make up their minds that the future of both depends upon their living together in amity. Neither can be given an exclusive right of way.

"Great Britain's problem in Palestine is to persuade the Arab that he must dwell inamity with the Jew," he said. "To Jewish enterprise the Arab owes nearly everything he has. Fanaticism and a sort of envy have driven the Arab to violence and for the present the problem is one of proper policing until harmony has been restored."

Contrary to the general belief, the British visitor said in discussing naval armaments, Great Britain really welcomes an American navy as large as her own. Britain cannot afford to reduce her navy, he asserted, as three-fourths of her food is brought to her over the seas. This factor makes necessary a large navy, he explained.

Old Maids Precious to Him.

LONDON, September 12 (AP).—R. B. Kerr of London thinks that old maids are the world's most precious possessions. They have devoted to humanitarian projects the energy that otherwise would have been expended on house and family, he told the International Congress of the World League for Sexual Reform.

BAND CONCERTS.

By the United States Soldiers' Home Military Band at the bandstand this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. John S. M. Zimmermann, bandmaster; Anton Pointner, assistant leader.

March, "Americans We".....Fillmore
Overture, "Daughter of the Regiment," Donizetti
Entr' Acte (a) Song, "Somewhere a Voice Is Calling" (request).....Tate
(b) "A Southern Patrol".....Voelker
Excerpts from musical comedy "The Beauty Price".....Haines
Novelty, "Happy-Go-Lucky".....Meyer
Waltz suite, "L'Estudiantina," Waldteufel
Finale, "Honey".....Whiting
"The Star Spangled Banner."

By the Army Band, Curtis D. Alway, captain, commanding; William J. Stannard, band leader; Thomas F. Darcy, second leader, at the Army War College this afternoon at 6:50 p.m.

March, "The Washington Post"..Sousa
Overture, "If I Were King".....Adam
Fox trot, selected.
Waltz, "Caprice Espanol"....Beaumont
Selections from "The Prima Donna," Herbert
Chant d'Espagne, "Cordoba"..Albeniz
Characteristic, "Sevilla".....Albeniz
Paso Doble, "Lanceros de Reina," Marquina
Irish tune, "Londonderry Air".Grainger
Fantasia, "Gems of Tschaikowsky," Arranged by Clark
"The Star Spangled Banner."

By the United States Marine Band, Taylor Branson, leader; Arthur S. Witcomb, second leader, at the Sylvan Theater, Monument Grounds, tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Overture, "Carneval".....Dvorak
Prelude and intermezzo from "Jewels of the Madonna".....Wolf-Ferrari
Solo for cornet, "Creanonian Polka," Weldon
(Second Leader Arthur S. Witcomb.)
Grand scenes from "Andrea Chenier," Giordano
Solo for saxophone, "Valse Elegante," Johnston
(Musician Kenneth Douse.)
"Prelude in C Sharp Minor," Rachmaninoff
"Carneval in Paris".....Svendsen
"The Star Spangled Banner."

OUSTED MEMBER TO SUE CHURCH FOR ALIENATING WIFE'S AFFECTION

Mennonite Names 12 in Trespass Action as Preliminary to $200,000 Claim.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., September 12.—Preliminary action in a suit against the Mennonite Church, asking $200,000 for alienation of his wife's affection, was taken in Circuit Court at Chambersburg, Pa., yesterday by Aden Shank, former resident of Gullinger, near here, who claims his wife, in obedience to the edicts of the sect, refused to live with him after he was excommunicated about two years ago.

According to Shank, the church excommunicated him because he refused to relinquish certain stock which the church wanted. Under the church law, it is said, members are prohibited from associating with a person who has been excommunicated. After he was expelled, Shank says, his wife decided to remain a member of the church rather than be "exiled" with her husband.

The man then went to Salt Lake City, where he procured a divorce on the grounds of desertion and cruelty. Through his attorney, Benjamin L. Heesner, he brought what is known as an "action in trespass" against 12 members of the church, which, the attorney explained, is preliminary to the alienation suit.

The members named yesterday are John Miller, John L. Kohr, Helen Kohr, Francis Baer, Frank F. Landis, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Stiner, Amos Houptman, Ely Hershey, Mollie Morgal, Kate Morgal and Jacob L. Kreider, all members of the Mennonite Church and residents of various communities near here.

The Mennonites do not believe in suing or going into court for any purpose and they do not believe in armed conflict. Officials of the church could not be persuaded to issue a statement concerning the suit this morning.

FAVORS ENTENTE AMONG AMERICAS

Venezuelan Makes Declaration Regarding Monroe Doctrine Before World Court.

By the Associated Press.

GENEVA, September 12.—Declaring that a real entente among the peoples of the North and South American continents can be developed, Cesar Zumeta, Venezuelan statesman and representative on the council of the League of Nations, today made an important declaration regarding the Monroe Doctrine. He spoke at a conference of the signatory nations of the World Court of International Justice, and the chairman of the conference, Prof. W. J. M. Van Eysigna of Holland, announced that in view of the importance of the declaration it should be reproduced in full in the minutes.

"In recording the vote of my government for the protocol of adhesion of the United States to the Permanent Court of International Justice, according to the unanimous wishes of the signatory nations," said Zumeta, "I have done so the more willingly because of my personal interpretation. If the reservations of the United States were to be applied in connection with a dispute between American States, these latter would always find juridical means of agreement in conformity with law and a competent jurisdiction.

"My optimism is not blind. Preoccupations which the Monroe doctrine inspires are daily losing in our continent the actuteness which they seem to retain on the other side of the Atlantic. This doctrine has been, is and will be at each stage of its development no more than a variable whose expression is the result of play of two orders of forces—that of a powerful unity, the United States, in the presence of that of the plurality formed by other American republics."

Expect British Proposal.

Further examination of the problem of disarmament in connection with the limiting of trained army reserves and war materials held in stock was expected to be proposed to the League of Nations' assembly today by the British delegation.

A British spokesman emphasized these questions were not definitely settled by the preparatory disarmament commission and he said Lord Cecil would present a resolution urging the hastening of the work of drafting a treaty for the general disarmament conference and would lay down a series of principles which the British government thinks should not be lost sight of. It is stated the exact text of the resolution has not yet been prepared.

Germany's idea regarding the reorganization of Europe into a "United States" were outlined before the economic committee of the League of Nations today by Dr. Rudolph Breitscheid, leader of the Social Democrats, the largest German political party.

Enlarging upon the views of Foreign Minister Stresemann, which already indicated German support for M. Briand's pan-European plan, the German spokesman announced his support of a tariff "truce" throughout the continent. However, he favored a three-year period during which existing tariff levels would not be raised, rather than the two years as suggested by British and Belgian spokesmen.

One important point of difference announced by Dr. Breitscheid was that he believed an economic confederation of European states must have its initial basis in common political interest to assure its successful launching.

Dr. Breitscheid said Germany would be glad to see the abolition of passport visas throughout Europe. He was not sure a world economic conference as proposed by M. Loucheur of France would be a good thing.

The British delegation introduced before the economic committee today a proposal that the international labor organization consider the inclusion in the program of the international labor conference of 1930 questions relating to hours, wages and the condition of work in coal mines with the object of reaching international agreement on the subject.

China Threatens Trouble.

China through her chief delegate to the Assembly of the League of Nations, Dr. C. C. Wu, Minister to Washington, today threatened to create a "most serious situation" at Geneva if the agenda committee of the League Assembly persists in its rejection of the Chinese resolution dealing with the revision of treaties.

The Chinese diplomat said today he had cabled his government for instructions following action of the program committee last night in deciding it was unable to transmit the resolution to the juridical committe of the Assembly on the ground that it opened up a question of too vast importance.

The opening of this question would make another avenue of approach for China in her campaign for cancellation of her so-called unequal treaties with Western powers, and the importance with which Dr. Wu considers the matter was indicated when he said his delegation might be obliged to leave the Assembly unless the agenda committee changed its attitude toward his proposals.

WOMAN IS ATTACKED.

Hospital Patient Caught After He Hits Mrs. Dorothy Pope.

While walking with her dog along Elder street about 10 o'clock last night, Mrs. Dorothy Pope, 32 years old, of 7201 Eighth street, was approached by a man, who, she told police, struck her in the face with his fist and then ran.

Charles M. Medford of 7019 Georgia avenue saw the act and pursued the man. After running a short distance he caught him and held him until the arrival of police. At the thirteenth precinct the alleged assailant was booked as John Charles Harden, 27-year-old patient at Walter Reed Hospital. He was turned over to hospital authorities for mental examination.

PARROT'S IDENTITY CAUSES DISPUTE

At the left is Miss Neva Wier, who says the bird she is holding is "Reds" and belongs to her, despite the claim of Mrs. Josephine Sprague that the parrot really is "Jakey" and is her property. On the right is Miss Esther Hanes. —Star Staff Photo.

MUSSOLINI RESIGNS ONE-MAN MAJORITY IN FASCIST COUNCIL

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tions; formerly was undersecretary in that ministry.

The same royal decree announced the ministry of public instruction henceforth will be known as the ministry of national education, and that the ministry of national economy will be known as the ministry of agriculture and forests.

Belluzzo Is Replaced.

Prof. Deputy Giuliano Balbino will become minister of national education, replacing Signor Giuseppe Belluzzo.

Deputy Giacomo Acerbo will become minister of agriculture and forests, replacing Signor Martelli, who was minister of national economy.

Deputy Landro Arpinati will become undersecretary for interior, replacing Giacomo Suardo, who has held that post.

The new ministers will take oath before King Victor Emmanuel Monday.

In explanation, the suggestion was made in some quarters that the premier had held 8 of the 13 posts in the Italian cabinet for so long only because he wished to become acquainted with the various departments of administration in order to select the best fitted men to put at their head.

Follows Precedence.

His procedure in keeping the portfolio of interior is that which was customary in cabinets before the advent of Fascism. Aside from the premiership, the portfolio is considered probably the cabinet's most important post.

Among the new appointments the most noteworthy was that of Undersecretary Bino Grandi to become foreign minister. This appointment was accepted as removing the likelihood of his becoming an ambassador to some important capital, possibly Washington. There had been reports to this effect recently.

Among the more interesting of the appointments was that of Giacomo Acerbo to become minister of agriculture and forests. Deputy Acerbo first was undersecretary to Mussolini when the Duce first attained power.

Balbo Is Prominent Figure.

Gen. Debono, the new secretary for colonies, originally was director general of police and then Governor of Tripoli.

Gen. Italo Balbo, new minister of aviation, has been one of the most prominent figures in Italian and European ministerial life recently in his post of undersecretary for aviation. He visited the United States last year to study American aviation and exhibitions of American plane constructors.

Today's general cabinet change was the most sweeping in the composition of the Fascist ministry since July 9, 1928.

A reorganization then left the Duce holding six portfolios, those of foreign affairs, the interior, war, marine, aviation and corporations. Later he assumed the portfolios of the colonies and then of public works.

This gave him 8 out of 13 votes in the cabinet council.

Today's changes maintained at their posts Minister of Justice and Cults Rocco, Minister of Finance Mosconi and Minister of Communications Ciano.

Wants to Rotate Leaders.

This reorganization of the cabinet was thought to be for the same reason as the last, namely, that the Duce wishes to rotate the best men in the Fascist party through the offices in order to build up an elite skilled in the art of government.

The other undersecretaries were as follows:

Foreign affairs, Deputy Amedeo Fani; colonies, Deputy Alessandro Lessona; war, Deputy Angelo Manaresi; navy, Senator Gioacchino Russo; public works, Deputy Araldo di Crollalalza; corporations, Deputies Guglielmo Josa and Emanuele di Marchesi Trigona; national education, Deputies Prof. Salvatore di Marzo and Renato Ricci; agriculture and forests, Deputy Arturo Maroescalchi and Deputy Prof. Arrigo Serpieri, who are specially charged with carrying out the so-called Mussolini laws for land reclamation; justice and cults, Deputy Giuseppe Morelli, and communications, Deputy Ferdinando Pierazzi.

MASS MEETING PLANNED.

Arlington County to Observe Constitution Week.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

CLARENDON, Va., September 12.—Constitution week, which is being sponsored through the country by the American Bar Association, will be observed in Arlington County with a big mass meeting as the outstanding feature, according to W. Thomas French, just named by Charles T. Jesse, president of the county Bar Association, as chairman of the committee on arrangements.

According to Mr. French an effort will be made to secure the Washington-Lee High School auditorium for the ceremony, and all service bodies, civic organizations, fraternities and churches will be invited to participate. It is planned to have several speakers of note address the meeting, the date for which will be set later.

POLLY IS DEMURE AS CLAIMANTS TALK

Does Not Even Wax Profane During Debate Over His Ownership.

Everybody did a lot of talking about whose parrot the parrot was, except the parrot.

If Assistant United States Attorney Goldstein, who held the audition yesterday, thought there were to be three speakers, the assistant United States attorney had another think coming.

First Miss Neva Wier, operator of a beauty shop at 1318 F street, talked about how the parrot was named "Reds" and belonged to her.

Then Mrs. Josephine Sprague of 227 B street, talked about how the parrot was named "Jackey" and really lived at 227 B street.

Ever so Dignified.

It was all very dignified. Miss Wier had her say and Mrs. Sprague had her say.

While they were saying it, the parrot ruffled his feathers, cocked his eye on the ceiling and said nothing at all.

Mrs. Sprague said the parrot could call her children by name; Miss Wier said the parrot's real home was with her; some one else said the parrot flew to Harold Baker's home, at 202 Indiana avenue, six weeks ago, where Miss Wier claimed him and took him away. The parrot went on being non-committal.

Fears Polly's "Cussing."

Mrs. Sprague said the parrot was profane and she was afraid he might be in contempt of court, but nevertheless she was going to file suit for possession of the parrot if the United States attorney took no action.

Then Mr. Goldstein had his say. He said it looked like possession was nine points of the law and otherwise declined to say more.

Miss Weir said, "Thank you!" and walked out with the parrot.

As said before, the parrot hasn't said anything yet.

BRITAIN IS URGED TO QUIT PALESTINE

"May Be Our Ruin," Says Viscount Rothemere in Attack on Middle East Mandate.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, September 12.—Viscount Rothemere, British publisher, writing for the Daily Mail today said Great Britain should hand back to the League of Nations forthwith its mandates for Palestine and Irak, for the Middle East may be our ruin."

He suggested the United States was much more attractive to the Jews as a national home than the prospect of "patriarchal poverty in Palestine."

He charged that the Balfour declaration setting aside Palestine as a national home for Jews was intended originally "to appeal to Zionist Jews, who were particularly strong in Germany and Austria.

"The Balfour declaration, which was never submitted either to nation or to Parliament, is the sole reason for our presence in Palestine.

"Morally we are under no obligation to remain. Financially we incur a heavy loss in doing so. Politically our futile efforts to make Palestine an alms house for Jews exposes us to dangerous hostility from all the 8,500,000 Arabs in the Middle East.

"Italy would be a far more suitable mandatory for the Middle East. Let us get away from this hornets' nest while there is yet time."

BRITAIN EXPECTS ARMS CURB MOVE WITHIN 48 HOURS

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of a naval understanding between the United States and Great Britain.

President Hoover has already declared himself in favor of a policy of naval reduction instead of one of mere limitation, in so far as auxiliary ships are concerned. Parity, or naval equality, already has been agreed upon between Great Britain and the United States as a basis of discussion on the naval problem. In order to meet the situation, well informed circles consider it possible that a reshifting of the "paper program" of the American Navy might be called for to meet the existing desires of President Hoover for either a stringent limitation or reduction, giving at the same time a basic parity with Great Britain.

The reduction policy, with its accompanying desire by the President to cut taxes for naval expenditure, is one of the President's most intimate desires and throughout the present negotiations it is known that he has steadfastly worked toward this end.

PARAGUAY AGREES TO CONCILIATION

Members of Commission Deposit Ratification to Formula Agreed To by Bolivia.

By the Associated Press.

Paraguayan members of the Paraguay-Bolivia Commission of Inquiry and Conciliation today deposited with the commission their government's ratification of the conciliation formula agreed to Monday by Bolivia.

By the action of the two contending countries possibility of the renewal of the hostilities which last December threatened the peace of South America is believed definitely averted. Only one day remains befor the commission must close the sessions which opened last March under the terms of a protocol drawn up in January by the Pan-American Conference of Conciliation and Arbitration.

Brig. Gen. Frank R. McCoy of the United States directed the stormy six-month diplomatic battle. Other neutral members of the commission are Dr. Marquez Sterling of Cuba, Dr. Gonzalez Roa of Mexico, Gen. Guillermo Ruprecht of Uruguay and Dr. Raimundo Rivas of Colombia.

Less than two weeks ago both countries agreed to the neutral proposal that division of the Chaco Boreal, a wilderness of nearly 200,000 square miles, be arbitrated, but resumption of diplomatic relations was not assured until today.

SIMMONS SPECIFIES NINE OUTSTANDING TARIFF OBJECTIONS

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today held undisputed right of way in the Senate.

By a vote of 41 to 34 the Vare case late yesterday was deferred until Congress meets in regular session, so that no time would be lost in getting into the thick of the tariff battle.

The administrative provisions of the bill drawn up by the finance committee majority were open to debate under an agreement which placed these ahead of the sections dealing specifically with rate schedules. They were made the initial order of business under a motion of Senator Simmons, which was approved yesterday.

Thus several highly controversial clauses of the tariff bill were up for consideration at the very start, including the flexible provisions, the tariff commission and the proposed substitution of domestic for foreign values in assessing ad valorem duties. To speed up debate it was agreed that initial reading would be dispensed with.

The vote on deferment of the Vare case was not regarded as a test of strength on that issue or on the tariff. It was urged by Republican leaders solely as a means of expediting tariff legislation. When the Vare issue is brought before the Senate on December 3 it is to be kept before the body until a vote is reached.

Asks Higher Farm Rates.

Chester H. Gray, legislative representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation, has sent to each member of the Senate a statement asserting that the pending bill does not give agriculture and industry equal protection. He asked higher rates for farm products than those already proposed.

The statement asserted that while the weighted average ad valorem rate on agricultural commodities would be increased from 28.34 per cent under the present law to 32.60 per cent by the committee bill, the same average rate on industrial products would be raised from 38.18 per cent to 43.83 per cent, an increase of 4.26 per cent for agriculture and of 5.65 per cent for industry.

GEN. MOSELEY REPORTS FOR WASHINGTON DUTY

Calalry Officer Becomes Chief Military Aide to Assistant Secretary of War Hurley.

Brig. Gen. G. V. H. Moseley, who has just completed a tour of duty at Fort Bliss, Tex., as commander of the First Cavalry Division, reported at the War Department today for his newly assigned duty as chief military aide of Col. Patrick J. Hurley, Assistant Secretary of War. In explanation of the assignment of Gen. Moseley, it was stated at the Department, today, that "the statutory and delegated duties of the Assistant Secretary of War have become so numerous and important that it is essential for him to have an executive with the rank of a general officer for the purpose of co-ordinating the various activities, conducting conferences with the numerous chiefs of bureaus and civilian components, and in preparing concrete and thorough analyses of the various important questions for decision by the Assistant Secretary." It was further stated that the position requires an officer who is thoroughly experienced and qualified in the great problems of procurement, in the administration of military affairs and in the special problems connected with the civilian components.

Medical Corps Examination Set.

Announcement is made by the War Department that the next examination for appointment as first lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the Army will be held October 7-11 next, and it is also stated that at least 40 candidates found qualified will be commissioned without delay to fill existing vacancies in the corps. Application blanks and detailed information may be obtained from the Surgeon General of the Army, Munitions Building.

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